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Dear Mr Gamson,

I send you herewith a paper (the Santa Cruz News) not for your edification, but as a testimony that we are not altogether dead or idle out here. The article on Dueling & Duels is an attempt, by myself, to show the real character of the relation between North & South in those respects which I treat. I will send you the remainder of the series as they appear. This last terrible tragedy in our State will prove I think the most fruitful

has on our people how
ever hard. The sense of
actual loss in our Brood
wick is very deep and Shea
among common men
who have always thought
it blasphemy to utter a word
against the Union, such ex
pressions as, "All we had
better let the South go them be
haved in this way; they are
bound to kill the good men
who stand up for the North. They
killed Gilbert, and Kingsbu
Ferguson, and now they have
taken the fast man we had."
There is hope in such talk;
the first I have ever distinct
ly seen in this country. Of course
however one has to write t
speak far behind the tone
of your Eastern work but
our folks are mindful of life

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power and come rapidly along when once thoroughly set out in any particular way. You would not have to prove or assert that dueling was a relic of barbarism, because Eastern people are prepared to denounce it, at the outset of any treatment of the question. Personal relations will among us might lead to it. There are in this State a few able Statesmen on whom I look for much thought & work much more than to any men; - the Statesmen are so low, selfish or politic among men.

I never see the Liberator since I left New York and do not even know your whereabouts. Write me "My Early Days"

If you have need of it, and
made any, will you be kind
enough to send me the paper
to Santa Cruz Cal. where
my home is and whither
I shall return in three
or four weeks. I ask for
this because I believe that
whatever you should take
the pains to say would
be both critical and just
and therefore profitable to
me. In hearty sympathy
with your work and you
I remain, I am

Yours truly

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